

Economic Development Committee September 19, 2022, 5:00 p.m. Bridgeville Town Hall & Zoom Minutes

I. Attending: Richard Grinnell, Sue Grenier, Mike Szczechura, Suzanne Farris, Christine Correia (Zoom), Ralph Root.

Absent: None

Also Attending: Bruce Smith and Bethany DeBussy

II. Approval of Minutes: None.

III. EDC Financials: No changes.

IV. Old Business

- A. Farm to Table: Mike stated we had a lot of new stuff. On August 16th, Mike, Karen Breeding, Bethany, Beth, and Nina all met at Heritage Shores. All who met agreed Sugar Beet Market is going to be the venue. Beth the Director of Sales at Heritage Shores offered the venue at no charge for the Farm to Table. Nina the chef is going to offer her services at no charge. The date they set for the event is September 16, 2023. Gives us ample time to plan. Discussed what can be donated etc. Mike said the next meeting is November 7th at Heritage Shores to get into the planning stages.
- B. Traffic Light Boxes: Bethany said when she gets the draft from the new company, she will share with us.
- V. New Business: Richard asked what else we plan on doing this year. Ralph asked the question "What are some new ideas to encourage new businesses to come here?" Richard mentioned we had someone from the Sussex County EDC come in the past and that we should work on the current businesses and ask them what they need before bringing in new business. Bethany stated that we have some folks who are sitting on old businesses and won't budge to sell those properties. We need to help the current businesses. Bethany suggested in the spring to get a brain-storming session to help tackle this. Suzzanne suggested bringing some sort of recreational/sport, like a pump-track, to Bridgeville that no one else has. Bethany suggested surveys for the businesses. Bethany said we have templates, but we need to modify all these former templates we have that could help us.

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Committee then discussed the EDC meeting still being at 5:00 on the second Monday of each month. All agreed to keep as is.

VI. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Correia, Transcriptionist